

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

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The following pages contain a brief genealogy of the Cloud Family, descended from William Cloud who came from Wiltshire, England, about the year 1682, and settled in southeastern Pennsylvania, and who is the ancestor of a numerous progeny. This work has been compiled from such memoranda as the writer happened to have at hand without any effort to collect a complete genealogy of the descendants which would have proved a heavy task. The original notes are in a somewhat chaotic condition, and this compilation has been an effort to ~~re~~ reduce them to a more systematic order for easy reference. No effort has been made to carry down the female line to any considerable extent, many of these being included in other published works. The genealogy of the Daily Family, for instance, contains a record of between 3000 and 4000 descendants of William Cloud, largely under other surnames, while other genealogies contain more or less record of some important lines.

This work has been compiled and typewritten by piecemeal as the writer has had the leisure, and he is painfully aware of the defects and typographical errors which have inadvertantly crept in. It is however to be hoped that there is nothing that will seriously detract from the real facts, and that the memoranda herein contained may be helpful to any who may be interested in the records of this family.

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